



District Business Meeting Minutes

2022 EFCA TX-OK District Leadership Conference
Northeast Bible Church
Friday, February 25, 2022

General (Business) Meeting, 3:45-5:00PM, February 25, 2022

1. Welcome & Opening Prayer

John Gordon welcomed the delegates opened the meeting with prayer at 3:49 PM

2. Credentialing of Conference Delegates:

(A) Duly appointed and certified delegates from local Evangelical Free Churches within the District. Each church shall be entitled to delegates in accordance with the following: two delegates for churches with up to 25 members and one additional delegate for every additional 50 members or part thereof. Each delegate must be at least 18 years old and a member in good standing of the represented Evangelical Free Church within the District at the time of the Conference.

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(B) Pastors of churches or congregations affiliated with the District, and other licensed or ordained ministers living within the District who are members of the Ministerial Association of the EFCA.

- 30 Pastor and Ordained

(C) The District Board members.

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- Total: 62

3. Minutes of the 2021 Conference

MC that the District Conference to approve the minutes from our 2021 conference.

4. Board of Directors' Chairman's Report

John Gordon gave the Chairman's report. He reviewed the board's structure and activity, especially this year the selection of our District Superintendent candidate.

John then invited Alejandro Mandes to award Brent Burckart with his certificate of ordination. Alejandro awarded the certificate and Carlton Harris challenged Brent from Scripture and prayed for him.

5. Approval of New District Superintendent





MC The Board recommends to the conference that Brent Burckart be approved for the position of District Superintendent to serve an initial three-year term ending at the 2025 District Conference

After opportunity for discussion, the motion was polled by paper ballot. The result was tallied and Brent received approval by a vote of 61 to 1.

6. Approval of District Board Members

MC The Board moves that you approve Jaron Jones, Craig Curtis, and Brian Bish to serve as District Board members for three-year terms.

7. Motion from board to allow John Gordon to serve up to an additional one-year term.

MC to make an exception to our by-laws by nominating John Gordon to be elected to the Board for up to an additional one-year term.

8. Financial Reports & Approval Of 2022 Budget

(A) 2021 Treasurer's Report was presented by Kevin Hammond. The giving from churches was good – the most the churches have ever given to the district. Expenses were down due to the pandemic. The forgiveness of the PPP load caused us to have a surplus. The church planting fund and other assets are also in great shape.

(B) Approval Of 2022 Budget

MC to approve the Fiscal Year 2022 budget as presented.

9. Ministry Video Reports

- (A) Credentialing Report
- (B) Small Group Specialist Report
- (C) Student Ministry Report
- (D) Director of Thrive Ministry Report
- (E) Houston Regional Director Report

10. Director of Hispanic Church Planting Report

Manuel Abarca Sáez, Director of Hispanic Church Planting was unable to be present for his report, but Katie Arnold shared it on his behalf.



11. Director of Ministry Effectiveness Report

Katie Arnold shared highlights from her report. She reported that four of the church plants were unable to continue. Two new planters have entered the pipeline.

12. Acceptance of New Churches

MC The board recommends that we accept Shine Bible Fellowship, Houston, TX as a member church.

Heath Haynes led in prayer for Shine Bible Fellowship

MC The board recommends that we accept Rock City Fellowship, Midlothian, TX, as a member church.

Katie Arnold led in prayer for Rock City Fellowship

13. District Superintendent Report

Bob Rowley shared highlights his report. "As a District we are enjoying the favor of God Almighty."

Bob gave thanks for the people who made his tenure as District Superintendent so effective.

14. Adjournment and Closing Prayer.

MSC John Gordon invited a motion to adjourn, which was moved, seconded and carried. John closed in prayer at 5:11 PM